



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Planning and Programming
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April 15, 2009

Mr. Norman R. Stoner
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Mr. Stoner:

Enclosed for your approval and use in accordance with 23 CFR 450.220 is a copy of Addendum 2 to the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Illinois for amendment into the current STIP. This addendum is based on information available regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These projects are not in a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area. These projects are all located in the department's highway District 4.

This amendment to the STIP is subject to change based on approval by the Governor. Additional STIP amendments will be necessary, but could occur on a by-project basis, especially for the local non-MPO allocation of ARRA funds.

We consider the estimate of costs included in the STIP amendment to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the STIP due to the anticipated increase of federal funds from the ARRA allocations and additional state appropriation to obligate contracts. The total cost of the STIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to Illinois during the STIP time period. The department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this STIP amendment.

Illinois has followed federally approved public involvement procedures and made a concerted effort to encourage public participation in the programming process. We believe our public involvement satisfies federal requirements.

The department has compiled a log of comments received concerning the draft FY 2009-2012 STIP Addendum 2 that is enclosed for your information. The comments and responses will be available on the department's website at <http://www.dot.il.gov/stimulus/stip.html> on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. The

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comments received were not of such magnitude or scope to necessitate revision or substantial change to the department's proposed project list, planning and program development process or the public involvement process.

Please contact Mr. Chuck Schmitt, Bureau Chief of Statewide Program Planning at 217/782-2755 should you have any questions concerning this amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick Smith".

Dick Smith
Director

(2) Attachments